Women officers in the army

†1693. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that percentage of women officers in the army is 2.56, if so, the measures being taken to enhance this percentage;

(b) whether any arrangement has been made to impart training to the women being recruited in the Armed Forces; and

(c) the posts for which women are presently being recruited in the Armed Forces?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The percentage of women officers in the Army is 2.65. However, the percentage of women officers in the Army Medical Corps and Army Dental Corps is approximately 14 whereas in the Military Nursing Service it is 100.

Women officers are being inducted into selected Arms/Services according to the number of appointment/posts identified by various Arms/ Services. Employability being a dynamic process, addition/deletion of posts tenable by women officers is an ongoing process based on experience gained/development of logistic infrastructure.

(b) Women officers are imparted training at par with their male counterparts in the three Sevices.

(c) In Medical, Nursing and Dental Services, women officers are inducted in both Permanent Commission (PC) and Short Service Commission (SSC).

In Army, women officers in SSC are inducted in the Army Air Defence, Corps of Signals, Corps of Engineers, Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, Army Service Corps, Army Ordnance Corps, Intelligence Corps, Army Education Corps, Judge, Advocate General's Department, in the Air Force in the Flying (Transport and Helicopter), Technical, Administration, Logistics, Accounts, Education and Meteorology Branches and in the Navy in Logistics, Education, Law, Air Traffic Controller Cadres.

Registration of Indian agents for defence deals

†1694. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to appoint or register Indian agents for defence deals;

(b) if so, the number of agents appointed/registered so far, and

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